

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1408
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2016
National Artist Honour
Karandlaje Km. Shobha

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prasar Bharati/AIR has conferred National Artist honour to any eminent music artist during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any guideline has been adopted by the Prasar Bharati/AIR for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) No Madam.

(b) and (c): Prasar Bharati/ All India Radio (AIR) has adopted the following guidelines for the purpose:

- (i) Distinguished music artistes on the panel of All India Radio with the twin criteria of 70 years of age and 30 years in Top Grade; or
- (ii) Eminent artistes honoured with either Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan or Sangeet Natak Akademy Ratna, if they are 60 years of age or 25 years in Top Grade.
